

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 28, 2005

Three former S.C. Department of Corrections officers have been arrested and charged with **Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature** while employed at Kershaw Correctional Institution.

Scott Dekreon, 35, of Lincolnton, GA, Tracy Lee, 33, of Edgefield, S.C., and John Pough, 31, of Columbia, S.C., were arrested Monday afternoon, June 27, 2005, at approximately 2:30 p.m. and booked at the Lancaster County Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the S.C. Department of Corrections. The case will be prosecuted by the Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

*Warrants Attached.

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ARREST WARRANT

H-694143

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTYTHE STATE
against

DEKREON, SCOTT

Address: PO BOX 342

LINCOLNTON, GA 30817

Phone: SSN: Sex: Race: Height: Weight: DL State: 07/05/1969 Agency ORI#: DOB: 07/05/1969 Agency ORI#: Prosecuting Agency: ANY LAWFUL OFFICERProsecuting Officer: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.Offense: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.Offense Code: 013Code/Offense Sec: COMMON LAWThis warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of The accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.Date: (L.S.)
Signature of Judge:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant DEKREON, SCOTT
on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
101 S. WYLIE ST
P.O. BOX 1809
LANCASTER, SC 29721STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
SC Attorney General
Feb 21, 2003
SC01618Personally appeared before me the affiant S/A MICHAEL GREENE who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant DEKREON, SCOTT
did within this county and state on 09/15/04 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of LANCASTER)
in the following particulars:
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.
COMMON LAWI further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:
SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTERAffiant's Address: PO BOX 21398
EDDINGBIR, SC 29221Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9800 000-0000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 09/15/04 defendant DEKREON, SCOTT
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of LANCASTER) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.
COMMON LAWHaving found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn JUNE 24, 2005 before meon Signature of Issuing Judge: *Mark R. Richards* Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 1809
LANCASTER, SC 29721Judge's Telephone: 803 283-3983 Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ CircuitJUDGE R. RICHARDSON
ORIGINAL

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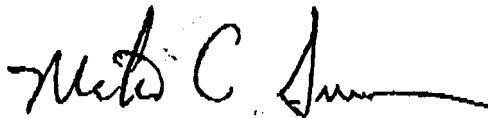
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Scott Dekreon PO Box 342 Lincolnton, GA 30817
DOB - 07-05-69 SS [REDACTED] Phone - 706-359-6257

Charge - ABHAN

On September 15, 2004, SCDC Lt. Scott Dekreon was an acting supervisor of a shakedown team conducting searches at Kershaw Correctional Institution in Lancaster County. Officers completed a search of Inmate David Lail's cell, and Lail began complaining about the condition the cell was left in. Lt. Dekreon, along with other officers, assaulted Lail by repeatedly hitting him in the face and other parts of his body. Lail was handcuffed behind his back and physically carried to lock up. During this escort, Officer Tracy Lee, along with Officer John Pough, rammed Lail's head into several steel doors to force them open. As officers approached one of the doors Lt. Dekreon kicked Lail in the buttocks causing him to strike the door harder. None of the officers present ever produced any reports documenting this incident. Inmate Lail suffered a black eye and other non-life threatening injuries as a result of this assault.



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ARREST WARRANT

H-694142

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTYTHE STATE
againstLEE, TRACY L
Address 48 EAST VIEW RD
EDGEFIELD, SC 29824

Phone: SSN: -

Sex: M Race: B Height: 1 Weight: 1

DL Sticker: DL #: -

DOB: 05/21/1972 Agency ORI#: -

Prosecuting Agency: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

Prosecuting Officer: A&B HIGH & ROBBRAV.

Offense: A&B HIGH & ROBBRAV. Offense Code: 013

Code/Ordinance Sec: COMMON LAW

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is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant LEE, TRACY L

on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

101 S. MYLIE ST

P.O. BOX 1809

LANCASTER, SC 29721

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

True Accused by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCA 615Personally appeared before me the affiant S/B MICHAEL GREENE who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant LEE, TRACY L
did within this county and state on 05/15/04 violate the criminal laws of the
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in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & ROBBRAV.
COMMON LAWI further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTERAffiant's Address: PO BOX 21398
COLUMBIA, SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9800 000-0000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 05/15/04 defendant LEE, TRACY L
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of LANCASTER) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & ROBBRAV.
COMMON LAWHaving found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn to and subscribed before me
JUNE 24, 2005

on

Signature of Issuing Judge
JUDGE'S ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1809
LANCASTER, SC 29721

Judge's Telephone: 803 283-3983

Judge Code: 011

Issuing Court: ☐ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

VAN K RICHARDSON

ORIGINAL

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Tracy L. Lee 48 East View Road Edgefield, SC 29824
DOB - 06-21-72 SS [REDACTED] Phone - 803-637-5839

Charge - ABHAN

On September 15, 2004, SCDC Officer Tracy Lee was part of a shakedown team conducting searches at the Kershaw Correctional Institution. After team members searched Inmate David Lail's cell, Lail began complaining because of the condition of his cell. Officer Lee, along with other officers, assaulted Inmate Lail by repeatedly hitting him in the face and other parts of his body. Officer Lee also struck Lail in the face with his handcuffs. Lail was handcuffed behind his back and physically carried to lock up. During this escort, Officer Lee, along with Officer John Pough, rammed Lail's head into several steel doors to force them open. None of the officers present ever produced any reports documenting this incident. Inmate Lail suffered a black eye and other non-life threatening injuries as a result of this incident.

Mike C. [Signature]

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ARREST WARRANT

H-694141

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

THE STATE

against

POUGH, JOHN

Address: 1013 OLD MONDR RD

COLUMBIA, SC 29210

Phone: 803 612-4037/SSN: -/-

Sex: M Race: B Height: Weight:

DL State: DL# DOB: 01/03/1974 Agency OR#: -

Prosecuting Agency: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

Prosecuting Officer: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

Offense: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

Code/Ordinance Sec. COMMON LAW 013

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 The accused
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Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

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on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

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LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

101 S. WYLIE ST

P.O. BOX 1809

LANCASTER, SC 29721

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

S/A MICHAEL GREENE

who

 Personally appeared before me the affiant S/A MICHAEL GREENE
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant POUGH, JOHN

violates the criminal laws of the

 did within this county and state on 09/15/05
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of LANCASTER)

in the following particulars: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.

COMMON LAW

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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
LANCASTER

Affiant's Address: P.O. BOX 28358

COLUMBIA, SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone: 803-800-0000 803-737-9800

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY.

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
 on 09/15/05 defendant POUGH, JOHN
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of LANCASTER) as set forth below:
 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: A&B HIGH & AGGRAV.
 COMMON LAW

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
 defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
 the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
Sworn JUNE 27, 2005 meon JUNE 27, 2005 at LANCASTER, SC 29721Signature of Issuing Judge: John F. Richardson (L.S.)Signature of Issuing Judge: John F. RichardsonJudge's Telephone: 803 283-3983

ORIGINAL

John Pough 1013 Old Manor Road Columbia, SC 29210
DOB - 01-03-74 SS: [REDACTED] Phone - 803-612-4037

Charge - ABHAN

On September 15, 2004, SCDC Officer John Pough was assisting a shakedown team conducting searches at Kershaw Correctional Institution in Lancaster County. Officers completed a search of Inmate David Lail's cell, and Lail began complaining because of the condition of his cell. Inmate Lail was assaulted by other officers in his cell, handcuffed behind his back, and physically carried to lock up. Officer Pough assisted Officer Tracy Lee with carrying Lail to lock up. During this escort, Officer Pough rammed Lail's head into several steel doors to force the doors open. None of the officers present ever produced any reports documenting this incident. Inmate Lail suffered a black eye and other non-life threatening injuries as a result of this incident.

